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### Taming the wilderness with inclusive design

The natural landscapes of Norway conjure up pictures of fjords and wilderness with steep slopes. For some people, walks and bike rides in this natural environment aren't possible. So one municipality of 1287 residents took up the challenge to create an activity park for everyone – locals and visitors of all ages. It was managed as a joint effort between the ...

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### Step this way with no step

There's lots of myths and worries about universal design features in homes. The no-step entrance is one of them. A covered entrance, which is great in itself, will keep away the rain for the most part. It's also shade in the summer. A slight grade away from the entrance should deal with the rest. In fact, that is also good ...

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### Bus and tram stops by universal design

Public transport is often perceived as an inefficient way to travel, especially in terms of time taken. Not good for customer service or engagement. A new research paper reports on a detailed analysis of transit stop positioning using a holistic universal design approach. The following scenario from the paper's conclusions will be familiar to some: "To get from my house ...

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## Autism and the social model of disability

People who are neurodiverse often struggle to shed the medical model of disability others apply to them. A medical diagnosis is part of the problem - they become a category, a label. This is particularly the case for people with autism. And there are no two people alike. But what they do share in common is a relatively high suicide ...

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## Teaching and learning accessibility

The technology industry needs more people who understand both technical and accessibility aspects of design. But they are hard to find. That's because teaching accessibility and inclusion in university courses is still in its infancy. Helping technology students to get their head around accessibility for people with disability has its challenges. In his article based on a case study, Julian ...

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## Last impressions might count more

First impressions might not be as critical as we first thought or were taught. This is especially the case with website start or landing pages. The Axxess Lab has a good article on a flipped approach to web design. It seems the critical points for website visitors is their "peak experience" - best or worst- and the last experience. The ...

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## Hearing loss makes it harder to remember

Shari Eberts explains in her blog article how people with hearing loss use most of their brain capacity to interpret sounds. Consequently there's not much left over for remembering. This is particularly the case where there is a lot of background noise. In information situations, such as fire training, this is an important factor. Everyone will need to remember what to ...

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